

# ANN LANDERS



## You're Just Stuck

Dear Ann Landers: Here's one I'll bet you've never had before. What can we do about a 45-year-old woman (mother of three, grandmother of two) who works in an office, makes at least \$7,000 a year and is never without a tremendous wad of bubble gum in her mouth?

All day long we listen to snap, crackle and pop. But that's not the worst of it. She makes enormous bubbles, some the size of a volleyball. When outsiders come into the office and see this, they are often too shocked to speak.

This morning I was engrossed in some tedious tabulating and this nut yells, "Help!" I dropped everything and ran to her desk. Apparently one of her larger bubbles had burst. She had gum in her hair, on her glasses, in her beads and even on her earrings. The entire office was disrupted for 15 minutes trying to separate her from the gum with spot remover, ink eradiator, and lighter fluid.

What can be done about this ridiculous situation? P.S. Her father owns this business.—J.L.K.

Dear J.L.K.: Thanks for the P.S. I would say you are stuck.

Dear Ann Landers: I am the mother of a normal, healthy, happy, well-adjusted little girl. Lorraine is three years old and as pretty as a picture.

The problem is that whenever I ask her to do something she doesn't want to do, such as take a nap or put her toys away, she becomes very angry and inflicts pain on herself.

This child has banged her head against the floor, bitten herself until her lip bled, and pulled chunks of hair out of her head. Yesterday I left her with a sitter because I had to go see my mother in the hospital. Lorraine scratched her face with a barrette until the blood ran.

Should I spank her or ignore her? Please advise me.—SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.

Dear San Juan: Your opening sentence contradicts the rest of your letter. A child who bangs her head on the floor, bites her lips till they bleed and pulls chunks of hair out of her head is neither well-adjusted nor happy. She is frustrated, angry, anxious and perhaps emotionally disturbed. Punishment is not the answer. This little girl should be evaluated by a doctor. Ask your pediatrician to direct you.

Confidential to Sock It to Me: You are wasting your time and money. Any similarity between love and what goes on between you two is strictly miraculous. Love means confidence, trust and sharing. Your relationship is nowhere.

Confidential to Disappointed in You: Sorry, but I can't print every letter. If you really want help and not just an opportunity to use this column as a family bulletin board, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and you'll receive a personal reply.

"Truth Is Stranger . . ." as readers will discover in Ann Landers' new book with that title, \$4.95 at all bookstores. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of Press-Herald enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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## Count Marco

# Always Marry An Ugly Wife

If you've ever made a trip to the Caribbean and listened to the calypso songs there, you'll know that the singers take current events or philosophical advice as a basis for their lyrics.

One of the refrains goes: "If you want to be happy and lead a good life, never make a pretty woman your wife . . . so from a logical point of view, always marry a woman uglier than you."

Up to a point, that's pretty good advice. The idea is that an ugly woman will be so grateful to be chosen as a wife that she will spend her life making her husband completely blissfully happy.

There's one drawback, of course. To attain such happiness a man has to open his eyes each morning to the ugliness he has chosen. And that might eventually be too great a price for him to pay, even as a philosopher!

If you have been letting yourself go, so your man awakes to the sight of your greasily creamed face, antenna-like curlers, sloppy slippers and housecoat and dissatisfied expression, you are certainly uglier than he is.

And, as a grateful ugly woman, are you expressing your ap-

preciation for being a Mrs. instead of a Miss? I doubt it.

Why not try the pretty route? Wake him up after you have washed, combed your hair and straightened your clothing. If he thinks you're pretty and you feel pretty, you'll start smiling instead of frowning, even early in the morning.

And you might prove the song wrong, for a pretty woman with love in her heart and actions can make a far better wife than an ugly unhappy one.

## Classes in Finance Offered

Robert D. Ryan, executive assistant, McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft Company, will conduct a UCLA Extension winter course in "Business Finance" scheduled to meet 12 Thursday evenings beginning Jan. 9, 7 to 10 p.m., in room 325 North High School.

Course study will focus on the forms and sources of financing business firms, financial planning, and the decision-making process. The social, legal and economic effects of financial problems will be examined. Fee and enrollment information is available by phoning UCLA Extension, or Business Administration Extension at the Downtown Center.



**SPECIAL GIFT . . . Superior Court Commissioner Tom C. Williams (center) receives one of several special Christmas gifts during a retirement luncheon given by Superior Court judges in Torrance. Presenting the gift are Superior Court Judge Bernard Lawler (left), presiding judge of the Superior Court here, and Superior Court Judge James Healey Jr. Williams, 62, has retired after 40 years of service with Los Angeles County. He joined the civil service nearly 50 years ago as a bailiff for the Los Angeles Municipal Court and has been employed by the county throughout that time except for a 9-year stint in private practice as an attorney. Williams and his wife Adria plan to travel, hunt, and fish. They live in Los Angeles.**

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## To Secondary Schools

# Rafferty to Pay State Funds Despite Strikes

By HENRY C. MacARTHUR  
Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO — Another wrinkle in the campaign to disrupt the California school system developed last week, but it's not going to get anywhere if Max Rafferty, state superintendent of education, has anything to say about the development.

The gimmick affects secondary schools. It simply is a plan of the Student's Democratic Society to encourage absenteeism, along with strikes in the high school, which would result in a decrease of money allotted to the districts by the state, and thereby create a financial problem, as the allotments are made on the basis of average daily attendance.

"School rioters and strikers," said Rafferty, "are not going to be able to use a decrease in state funds as a weapon to in-

timidate local school boards."

THE STATE school superintendent said he is in possession of statements made by agitators in high school strikes, which use the threat of reduced state money as the result of school absenteeism.

"I want to make it crystal clear," Rafferty stated, "that I will personally see to it that school districts faced with this kind of emergency will continue to receive their full amount of state money regardless of any absenteeism."

"Not one nickel of state money will be cut off by my office to any school district which stands up and fights against this kind of terror and intimidation. I don't care if half the normal attendance is absent, the money will continue to come."

THE STATE superintendent of

schools has wide powers to control the disbursement of school funds. He states he can continue to disburse to the school districts, regardless of attendance, when the districts are confronted by emergency.

"And I consider this an emergency," Rafferty said, "in the same manner that an epidemic would be called an emergency, or other unusual circumstance which might cause excessive absenteeism."

So far, Rafferty has had reports of either strikes, or impending strikes, in four high school districts throughout the state. They include districts in Oakland, Richmond, the Menlo-Atherton district in San Mateo County, and the Fremont district in Los Angeles County.

He considers the agitators are planning to expand their activities in other districts throughout the state, and for that reason, is making his statement to all districts to assure them of the assistance and support of the state's education department in combating the movements designed to disrupt the educational system.

HE HAS suggested to the districts that the governing boards adopt strict regulations regarding attendance, and see that these regulations are enforced.

He also called attention to the fact that penalties are severe for the act of persuading pupils to become truants.

"Under California law," he said, "the only justifiable reason for pupil absence is illness. When a pupil stays out of school for other reasons, the truancy law comes into effect, and its implications are severe. I intend to do all I can to see that this law is enforced."

## Bloodmobiles to Visit Local Area in January

To help Harbor area residents with their New Year's resolutions, Red Cross has a suggestion for item number one—give blood at least once in 1969.

And to help them keep their first resolution right away, Red Cross will bring two bloodmobiles to the area in January to accommodate 350 of the areas most resolute residents.

"Anyone in good health between the ages 18 and 60 who weighs at least 110 pounds may

volunteer to give blood," according to Mrs. Gordon Jones, chairman of blood donor recruitment for the Torrance-Lomita Branch Red Cross.

The Los Angeles-Orange Counties Red Cross blood program is a family of volunteer donors and workers through whose efforts nearly 200,000 pints of blood are provided annually to more than 200 community hospitals.

A Red Cross bloodmobile will visit Crusader Hall at Fleming Junior High School, 25425 Walnut St., Lomita, Monday, Jan. 6, from 2:30 to 7 p.m. Another mobile will be stationed at the Elks Lodge, 1755 W. 162nd St., Gardena, Wednesday, Jan. 8, from 2 to 6:30 p.m.

## Operations Research Course Set

"Elements of Production and Operations Research," a course leading to the UCLA Extension Professional Designation in Inventory and Production Planning and Control offered in cooperation with the American Production and Inventory Control Society, will meet in Torrance in the winter quarter.

Scheduled Tuesday nights beginning Tuesday, 7 to 10 p.m., the 12-week workshop will be conducted by William A. Scott, unit leader, Rocketdyne Division, North American Rockwell Corp.

Course study will focus on production organizations, analytical models and methods, facilities design, and the design of control systems for production operations.

Fee and enrollment information is available by phoning UCLA Extension, or Business Administration Extension at the Downtown Center.

## Flu Victim Dies After Collapse

Paul Edwin Day, 57, of 366 Camino de las Colinas, collapsed and died in the bathroom of his home Monday about 12:30 p.m. His wife, Sue, who discovered the body, told police her husband had had the flu for the past three days.

# City Employment Applicants Sought

Employment opportunities are currently available with the city of Torrance. Needed are firemen, jail keepers, policemen, recreation supervisors, junior clerk-typists, and semi-skilled laborers.

A deputy city attorney also is being sought by the city.

In order to apply for a fireman's position, an applicant must be between the ages of 21 and 31, have excellent vision, and be between 5-foot-9 and 6-foot-5 in height.

Pay scale is \$770 to \$849 per month. A written test will be given at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Torrance Recreation Center.

THE CITY is also looking for services officers (male only) to supervise the security, health, safety, and feeding of prisoners at the Torrance City Jail. No experience is necessary. However, the applicant must be a high school graduate and in good physical condition.

Pay is \$650 to \$716 per month. The written test will be given at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at Torrance Recreation Center.

Applicants for the police force must be between the ages of 21 and 31, have excellent vision, and be between 5-foot-8 and 6-foot-5 in height.

Pay scale is \$770 to \$849 per month, with longevity steps to \$870, \$933, and \$915 per month. Test date is Saturday, Feb. 15, at 9 a.m. in the Torrance Recreation Center.

RECREATION Supervisors must be able to plan, organize, and supervise one or more of the following types of recreational activities: swimming, arts and crafts, dramatics, athletics, or music. A college degree in recreation, physical education or a related field is required; or completion of required course work in a specialty. Two years experience needed.

Pay is \$790 to \$876 per month. A written test is Saturday, March 8, at 9 a.m. in the Torrance Recreation Center.

High school graduation is required for the position of junior clerk-typist. Pay is \$450, \$474, and \$498 per month.

Written test will be given at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Torrance Recreation Center.

SEMI-SKILLED laborers must perform heavy and light manual

## Class for Taxpayers Scheduled

Two 12-week courses designed to help taxpayers prepare their taxes will be offered by the adult education division of Torrance Unified School District beginning next week.

One class will meet Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning Jan. 7 and the other will meet Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning Jan. 9.

Both classes will meet in room 122 at Torrance High School, 2200 Carson St., and will be taught by representatives of the Internal Revenue Service.

Persons who wish to take either course may enroll at the first meeting of their respective class.

labor work, employing common tools. Eighth grade education required. Pay is \$533, \$562, and \$590 per month.

Written test will be administered at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Torrance Recreation Center.

Applicants for the post of deputy attorney must be members of the California State Bar

Association and must move into the City of Torrance within six months after appointment.

Pay is \$893 to \$983 per month. Examination will consist of evaluation of qualifications by oral interview.

Anyone interested in any of the positions offered may obtain full information at Torrance City Hall.

## Newspaper Officials Travel to Washington

Mrs. Mayme McDonald of Beverly Hills, chairman of the board of Rodgers & McDonald, parent firm of the Press-Herald, has received an invitation from President-elect and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon to attend the Inaugural Ball Jan. 20 in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. McDonald has been a friend of the Nixon family for many years. Her late son, Doyle, and the President-elect were classmates at Fullerton High School.

Rodgers & McDonald, headquartered at 2621 W. 54th St., Los Angeles, is the parent firm of King Williams Press, Inc., which publishes the Press-Herald and the Press-Journal and Harbor Mail.

The firm also publishes the seven newspapers which com-

prise the News-Advertiser Group in Southwest Los Angeles County.

Greg McDonald, assistant production manager of Rodgers & McDonald, will accompany his grandmother to Washington. They will leave Jan. 18 and return Jan. 21.



TAMMY ERICKSON

## Dancing Classes Offered

A new and different square dance program is being offered at Alondra Park, according to Mrs. Belle Foy, director.

A brush-up workshop for adult square dancers is being taught on the second and fourth Monday nights at 7:45 in the Activities Building located in the northwest corner of the park at 3850 W. Manhattan Beach Blvd.

The workshop sessions are for dancers who have had a minimum of 12 weeks recent square dancing experience, and who want to re-enter the world of square dancing.

Instruction includes definition, demonstration and practice of the basic figures, terms and styling of today's square dancing as well as a review of the older, standard basics.

On the first, third and fifth Mondays, a typical, fun-level square dance is held without instruction, giving dancers an opportunity to practice dance figures learned in workshop sessions. This experience builds dancer confidence, skill and enjoyment.

Instructor-caller for these sessions sponsored by the Los Angeles County Recreation and Parks Department is Bruce Bollinger. All workshop sessions and dances are open to newcomers.

## Girl Wins Fashion Position

Tammy Erickson, daughter of Gordon Erickson of Torrance, has been selected to represent West High on McCall's 1968-69 Teen Fashion Board. She has joined the international ranks of girls who are outstanding home economics students in their senior year of high school.

Tammy was picked through the West High homemaking department. Mrs. Hazel Henry, department chairman and instructor, nominated her.

Modeling, skiing, camping, and boating are her main interests. Tammy is a fashion model for Adrian Modeling Agency and has modeled at Bullock's and for Cole bathing suits in Los Angeles.

At West, Tammy was elected class president in her sophomore year. She has also served as vice president of her class and is presently a member of the house of representatives. She plans to run for class vice president next semester.

## A Letter . . . To My Son

By Tom Rische  
High School Teacher and Youth Worker

Dear Bruce,

Although some people say that flattery gets you nowhere, don't believe them. Flattery—in the sense that you make other people feel good—will get you everywhere.

A sincere interest in others wins you more than silence or indifference. For instance, on a monetary level:

Cliff the druggist gets our business because he always makes it a point to recall and ask about you; so does George at the delicatessen, who always sends you a penny candy or two.

Charlie cares for our car because he's funny and seems interested in more than our motor; Ed, who sells the cars, delivers on what he promises and follows up to see that we're happy.

A city councilman we know repeatedly won votes because he can remember names and details of the people he meets, while another councilman never remembered us, although he met us at least 10 times. He never got our vote.

A grocery store where we were constant customers lost our business in giving us a bad time over cashing a check; a gas station kissed us goodbye when they refused to make good after fouling up our motor.

When a clerk suggested that the suits we were looking at were too expensive (because we were dressed in yard clothes), his store lost us.

In dealing with others, whether you're selling a product, or just yourself, warmth wins more friends than wind.

Yours for warmth,  
YOUR DAD



**WATER SUPPLY TOUR . . . A group of more than 30 business and civic leaders from Torrance recently toured the Metropolitan Water District's Colorado River Aqueduct system as guests of Ben Haggott, who represents Torrance on the MWD Board of Directors. Shown standing by the pump delivery lines at Gene Pumping Plant near the Colorado River are (from left) Haggott; Summerhayes George, area engineer for the Water and Sewage Authority of Accra, Ghana, who is visiting the Torrance Water Department under a United Nations fellowship; Cecil C. Powell, assistant superintendent of the Torrance Water Department; and John Q. Borgwat, water department superintendent.**

## Bradley Named To Commission

Officer Ted Bradley of the California Highway Patrol has been appointed to the Torrance Safety Council by the City Council. He replaces Mrs. Alva Wilson, who resigned.

Fee and enrollment information is available by phoning UCLA Extension, or Business Administration Extension at the Downtown Center.